



### DOWN THE BACK STRETCH

A card from George B. Gay, proprietor of the Moncton Speedway, who is motoring through California, has the following: "Thinking of you when I was at Santa Anita track. It is some set up. I am going out to see Joe O'Brien at Del Mar tomorrow. Seventy-eight degrees here today. I had a peek at Citation — a beautiful horse." On the card is a picture of Radio Center Restaurant, Hollywood, a magnificent structure.

The racing here getting off to a slow start made up for it by continuing until March 22nd. We were handed a summary by Charlie Large of a race that took place on March 24th, 1930 on the ice that set up a new record for a quarter of a mile. . . . Brir Mac (Doug MacLeod) 1-1-1, Captain Jackson (Harry Murphy) 2-2-2. Time, 29 1-5, 28 1-5, 28 3-5.

Here is a first hand account of training in the sunny south which we received from Earle Avery, who is at Azalea mile track, Orlando, Florida. . . . "Received your letter and copy of The Guardian, which I was more than pleased to get. I always enjoy reading the news about my horsemen friends on the Island. I only wish I could once more take a few horses over there Old Home Week, although it is not an easy place to win a race, at least I always found it so as the boys there seem to have the knack of coming to the races with some good horses. I enclosed signed transfer for Miss America 204 1-2 and hope that Harold Cudmore has the best of luck with her. She should make a top brood mare. I often wished that I had kept her and bred her to some good horse. She had a nice filly when I owned her, by Calumet Duds 209 but it died at four months old and was a natural born pacer."

"This is a nice place to break and train colts. We have not lost a day all winter, have a mile track to train over, not too fast a track but it always has a good cushion and the long stretches are very convenient for making speed. It is wonderful how quickly they learn. I have been in 2.21 with some of my two-year-old pacers with last quarters around 31 seconds, and in 2.26 with the last quarter in 33 seconds with a two-year-old trotter by Calumet Fingo. I have a three year old half brother to her called Dean Toddler by Dean Hanover 1.58 1-2 that I just started to train since coming here last fall. He is a trotter and has been kept eligible to the Hambletonian stake. I worked him this morning in 2.18 with the last half in 1.04 1-2 and the last quarter in 28 1-2. Looks as though he will do if he stays sound. I like the Calumet Fingo colts very much. They are very rugged, good mannered and good gaited."

"Tommy Berry worked a two year old by King's Counsel and only by Attorney in 2.18 and a two year old trotter by Arch Hanover in 2.23. Curley Smart won in 2.22, half in 1.06 with a two year old colt by Guy Day and there are several other good colts here. However, I wonder sometimes how many we will get to the races as the percentage is usually small. Some cannot go fast enough and others go lame. Mr. Borden has a nice bunch of yearlings at the farm by Watchim 2.06. They all resemble him very much. He has one named Frank Adams, which I like the best. He is out of Erla Hanover, a three-quarter sister to Hollywood Sara and a full sister to Sam Hanover, a horse I used to race. Volvrida 2.08 by Volomite, died a month ago. She was in foal to Calumet Fingo. We regretted her loss very much. You will remember her quite well as she raced first in the Sullivan and Mawhinney stable, Machias, Maine, and later was raced by me."

"Mr. C. T. Black's Pleasantdale Farm, Berryville, Virginia, is a real show place with wonderful soil and pastures. He will have 31 yearlings to sell this fall and has 42 mares to foal this spring. Harry Breen's mare, Semper Fide is has a nice filly by Watchim. I hope it will be one of the best." . . . Thanks, Earle, and all of us here will be following your career this season with the

greatest interest and next year we will be looking forward to having training news of Watchim's youngsters. Earle's reference to Miss America 204 1-2 by Abbedale 201 1-2 will certainly please Harold Cudmore, who has a four year old stallion, America's Bud, out of her, by Calumet Budlong that looks like the makings of a very fast pacer and he is the sire of Bud Henley, out of Muriel Henley.

The latest news from Joe O'Brien at Del Mar track, California, is that he has 26 horses in his stable, one of the largest outfits there. He has been in 2.13 with the trotter Brewer's Gallon, owned by B. C. Cruickshank, Halifax, and in 2.13 1-2 with McManus, and has worked several other members of his stable in 2.18 to 2.20. The fastest time for a two year old was 2.27. He expects to move to Santa Anita track on May 1st and after taking part in the program of races there which continues through to June 17th, he will move to Saratoga Raceway, New York.

When the classy eight year old pacer mare Mary Merk 208 3-5 makes her first start this season the program will read. . . . Mary Merk 208 3-5 by Long Key 200, owned by Earle Semple, Kensington, and Harold Cudmore, Brackley. We congratulate both these gentlemen on possessing one of the best mannered, sweetest gaited and fastest pacers eligible to her class that we know in this broad Dominion. Those who witnessed her effort in the second heat of the 2.21-2.24 class first division, at Goodwill Races September 17, when she finished the mile in 2.08 3-5 with apparent ease, will, we believe, agree with our statement. The same afternoon Scott Spencer won two heats of the Free For All in 2.10 and 2.08 2-5 and day and track were not fast.

Right here we would like to say that track, air and temperature conditions can make several seconds difference in time it takes to trot or pace a mile. September 14, the first day of the Goodwill races, was one of the fastest we have ever seen in September. It had rained some time previously, cleared up during the night and the sun came out in all its splendor during the day, drying up the track but leaving it springy. This, with Bill MacAusland's good work put it in perfect order and not a breath of wind blowing and the temperature just right. In the first heat of the 2.17-2.20 class Jessie Direct, that had a lot of racing experience, lowered her record to 2.08 4-5. On the same afternoon Worthy Ermine paced the fastest mile of the season in the Maritimes by a mare — 2.08 3-5 — equalled three days later by Mary Merk.

A letter from Don MacAuley, Pugwash, N.S., informs us that the good pacer Rainey G. Henley is dead. He had been given the best of care but despite that had been very infirm for the past few years. We have gone through the records in an effort to establish his correct age. He was the first horse that Mr. MacAuley ever raced and he had a lot of thrills with him. Willard Kelly told Don that he paced the fastest mile ever paced over the Charlotteville track from where he got away. Readers of this column will remember the gallant little Rainey G. and will be glad to know his last years were ministered to so kindly by his owner. Here is a short history of his career. . . .

Rainey G. Henley, brown gelding by Peter Henry, 2.02, foaled 1930 in the ownership of P. A. Shindeldecker, Lima, Ohio. His first start was in the 2.28 class at Flint, Michigan, half mile track, June 16, 1936, and he was 2-2 to Colonel Drew in 2.11, 2.11. That year he made 18 starts, had seven winning brackets and took a record of 207 1-2. In 1937 he made fourteen starts and won four races, and in 1938 made twelve starts, winning five races and at Celina, Ohio, August 19 won the 2.12 pace from a fast field in 2.06, 2.06.

That fall he was brought to the

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# SPORTING NEWS

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## S'ide Kinsmen Midgets Play In Amherst Today Against Truro Midgets

The Summerside Kinsmen Midgets travel to Amherst today to cross sticks with the Truro Midgets, champions of Nova Scotia, for the Maritime Midget hockey title. Game will begin at 6 p.m. Nothing is known here of the strength of the Truro boys who defeated Donkin (locally near Gaje Bay) in the finals for the Nova Scotia title, but Jimmie Hogan's charges expect stiff opposition, as Nova Scotia has a habit of coming up with smart minor teams.

Last year, the Summerside Midgets, after defeating Moncton 3 to 2 in Sackville, played Lourdes in Stellarton in a sudden-death fixture and were blanked 6 to 0. This Lourdes team is practically the same group of boys that beat the Moncton West - End Beavers 6 to 3 in the first game of the Maritime Juvenile final a day or so ago. The Summerside Kinsmen are considerably stronger this year, however, and are hopeful of giving Truro a real battle for the three-Province crown.

The following players will make the trip under the guidance of Jimmie Harris, manager, and Jimmie Hogan, coach: Goal — Balfour MacKay and Dee Lefurque; defence, Ed Dalton, Melville Campbell, Dickie Wedge, Eldon Champion; forwards, Neil MacArthur, Coke Grady, Ron Walker, Donald Darcy, Clive MacDonald, Everett Gallant, Vance Harris.—S.

## Peterson Wins, Poulton Loses Split Decision

MONCTON, N.B., March 31 — (CP) — Johnny Harvey, 143, Moncton, won a split decision over Harry Poulton, 147, Charlottetown, here tonight in one of two main events on a Y's Men's boxing card. In the other bout, Big Boy Peterson, billed as the Island heavyweight champion, knocked out Joe Miller, Moncton, at the 1:40 mark of the first round. Peterson weighed 185, Miller 190.

Miller put up a good fight until he was on the receiving end of a right hook in a clinch and fell stunned to the canvas. The Harvey-Poulton bout was a matter of Harvey the slugger trying to get to Poulton the boxer. The more experienced Islander made the local boxer miss many times.

## Basketball Films Are Shown Here

Between 40 and 50 local basketball enthusiasts, both boys and girls, attended a showing of three excellent instructional films on how to play basketball at the Y. M. C. A. last evening, sponsored by the H-Y Army Club.

The instructions were on shooting, ball handling and zone defensive play, and included three, ten-minute reels dealing with each subject, and were brought here by the Army Club through the facilities of the National Film Board.

Those attending the showing, said the films were easy to follow and understand and that they felt that they had learned much that would improve their game in the future. The films will be shown again this afternoon at four o'clock, and that if requested, the Club will hold additional showings on Monday and Tuesday.

## Millionaires Meet Sherbrooke Team Tonight

SYDNEY, N. S., March 31 — (CP) — Sydney Millionaires, hunting a long-wanted Allan Cup for the Maritimes, meet Sherbrooke St. Francis here tomorrow night in the opening game of a best-of-seven Eastern semi-finals round. Second and third games will be played here Monday and Tuesday with the others swinging to Sherbrooke.

The Saints, a big team mooted as successors to Ottawa Senators as cup winners this year, ousted Quebec Aces to take the Quebec Senior League. Millionaires, winner of the Cape Breton loop, ousted Halifax St. Mary's, Maritime senior league title-holders, to win the Maritime crown.

The Moneybags have the opening advantage of home games but they'll have to play pressure hockey to keep up with the Saints, who have a strong victory record on enemy ice. Saints have the edge in experience. Millionaires are young and ambitious and coach Murph Chamberlain and company are confident. Saints are not unconquerable.

Although he didn't score as many goals as he has done during previous games this season, he nevertheless came up with more than an average night for most hockeyists — four goals and three assists. But it is not just his scoring ability that makes him impressive to watch. He is the whole driving force of his team, and is practically tireless. Playing nearly 60 minutes of hockey Thursday night, as far as we can remember he was only relieved twice; when he wasn't scoring goals himself, he was breaking up plays or setting up others.

From this writer's viewpoint, one of his great assets is the fact that he is always on the move, even when the play stops for a faceoff, and consequently is practically in full stride if he gets a break or wants to overtake an opponent. He is a particularly fast skater anyway, which makes him doubly dangerous. Richard is not particularly big in stature as hockey players go today, but what he lacks in weight, he makes up in elusiveness and speed. We watched the opposing defence try to take him down on numerous occasions Thursday night, but by the time body contact is imminent, he just isn't there. To us, he has "big time hockey" written all over him and this column for one, hopes that someone will give him the break he deserves while he still has what it takes.

As far as could be learned last night, Borden will travel to Saint Andrews, N.B. Monday, where they will meet a team from that centre, the New Brunswick champions, in a two-game, total goal series there on Monday and Tuesday nights for the N.B.-P.E.I. Intermediate Hockey championship.

As a parting shot, we say, good luck Borden in your quest for the two-Province crown.



Wildgeese, harbingers of spring, rise in temperatures (hunters) and loss of sleep (the riseth early while it is yet dark) and disturb the whole household) have arrived in the province in large numbers. Small flocks began arriving on Friday and Saturday March 24th and 25th. On March 27th (Monday) I counted 95 in a patch of open water at Orwell. The tempo of the flights has stepped up since then. In the wee sma hours on Thursday morning the Massed Bands of the Wildgoose Parade roused hunter's from sleep and caused more than one nimrod to prop himself on an elbow and thrill to the wild music of Nature's pipers as it rose to a crescendo in the pre-dawn darkness and then throbbled and died away in the distance.

The sight of the honking Squadrons dropping in for a short stopover on their way to their northern breeding grounds effects many people in a variety of ways. To lovers of Nature the coming of the wildgeese disclose visions of pussy willows in bud, buttercups and dandelions on green meadows; to the farmer it means a stirring of the cropping fever, farmyard steaming in the warm spring sun and the soft hiss of plough shares turning rich red loam. The died-in-the-wool goose hunter lets his thoughts wander still farther into the future. To him they conjure visions of hoar frost on stubble and a long wearing black line etched against a November dawn.

Reports indicate that the flight of geese is heavy this spring. Southern Kings county, in the past not particularly noted for heavy concentrations of honkers, was favoured with a large flight on Thursday morning, off a river not far from Montague upwards of a thousand geese raised such a din that, in the words of a resident of the district: "I couldn't hear myself talk". However, while the prospects look good at present it will be mid April before any comparison may be made with last springs flight.

Whatever the 1950 season may bring forth in respect to goose hunting prospects the black duck picture is definitely in doubt. The annual mid winter waterfowl inventory conducted in this province in January indicated an approximately 18 per cent decrease in wintering black ducks. Un-official reports indicate that the sister provinces of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick also showed a decline in numbers of wintering black ducks. A report recently received from the States shows that the decrease in duck population is general over

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## Final Bonspiel Of Season Here

In the windup bonspiel of the curling season at the Charlotteville Curling Club, concluded last evening after three days of competition, the rink skippered by Heath Saunders carried off top honors with a total aggregate score of 272 points. Dr. Wendell MacDonald, skipped the runner-up rink with a total of 228 points.

The third and fourth place winners were the Jim Burden and Russ Spillet skipped rinks with 223 and 184 points respectively.

Following are the personnel of the four leading rinks: 1. Heath Saunders (skip), Art MacFarlane (mate), Frank Curtis (2nd stone), Dr. C. Gallant (1st stone). Prizes, silver water pitchers donated by Old Spain. 2. Dr. Wendell MacDonald (skip), J. A. Likely (mate), A. O. F. Gill (2nd stone), R. Norman (1st stone). Prizes, Electric clock, donated by Edison Electric and Robinson's Supplies. 3. J. E. Burden (skip), Had McInnis (mate), Leon Johnston (1st stone), J. E. Burnett (2nd stone). Prizes, Canned chicken, donated by J.E. Burden. 4. Russ Spillet (skip), A. Bagnall (mate), J. P. Campbell (2nd stone), Fred McIntyre (1st stone). Prizes, canned strawberries, donated by Leon Johnston.

## NORTH RIVER RINK

TONIGHT Exhibition Game Milton Hornets vs. Glasgow Road Maple Leafs Game time 8 o'clock Skate After

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## Halifax Juniors Concede Series To Montreal After 10-1 Defeat In 2nd Game

HALIFAX, March 31 — (CP) — Halifax St. Mary's conceded their best-of-five Eastern Canada Memorial Cup semi-finals against Montreal Canadiens after taking a 10-1 licking in the second game here tonight.

The heavier and more-experienced visitors ran up an 11-3 win in the first game Wednesday night and showed little mercy tonight as they ran amuck. A lone Saints tally in the final frame ruined a shutout for the Canadiens.

Immediately following the game it was announced that Saints had conceded the series. Previously, the locals had planned to go into a third game if, by some streak of luck, they either won or held Canadiens to a small score tonight.

But Canadiens showed little mercy for their younger opponents, running up four goals in the first period, adding two more in the middle frame and outscoring Saints 4-1 in the finale.

Montreal's rugged first line accounted for six of the 10 goals, with Art Rose and Bill Gould heading the parade with three goals and three assists each. Wing-er Dickie Moore, always on hand in the rush, chalked up five assists.

A crowd of 1,100 fans saw the highly-rated visitors run roughshod over the Saints.

Canadiens now will meet the Ontario champions for the right to represent Eastern Canada in Memorial Cup playoffs. The Ontario crown will be decided in a best-of-seven series starting at Toronto Saturday between Porcupine Comblines and Guelph Biltmores.

Ken Flynn, stellar centre on Halifax's first line, suffered a foot injury in the first period and did not return to the ice. Don Marshall, Montreal forward, also suffered a foot injury late in the final period, but left the ice under his own power.

Visiting goalie Roger Morrisette had a quiet night with only 16 shots on goal to contend with, while little Ronnie Cole was kept on the hop with 43 hot pucks aimed in his direction.

## Hoop Title Games Tonight

The opening games for two City Basketball titles will get underway at the Prince of Wales College Auditorium tonight when a double hoop bill will be run off there commencing at seven o'clock. The first of home and home, total point series between the West Kent and Prince Street School girl hoopers for the City Interscholastic Girls Basketball championship will open the program. One hour later, the Abbies and Vics boys teams will clash in the first of a same type series for the City Juvenile Basketball crown.

The second and final games of both divisions will be played over the same floor next Wednesday.

## Borden To Play At St. Andrews

ST. ANDREWS, March 31 — (CP) — St. Andrews Senators will play the Borden, P.E.I. Nationals at St. Andrews next Monday and Tuesday in a two-game total-goal series for the New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island intermediate hockey title. The winner will advance to the Maritime finals against the Halifax Armed Services team.

Judge Arthur Aldala voted for Graziano, 6-3-1. Judge Arthur Susskind scored for Janiro 5-4-1 while referee Judge Walsh split his ballot right down the middle. Five rounds add 10 points for each batter. The Associated Press card had Graziano ahead, 5-4-1.

## OPEN SPORTSMEN'S MEETING

CLOVER CLUB APRIL 6th AT 8 P.M. General meeting of the Queen's County Branch P. E. I. Fish and Game Protection Association. Among other things to be discussed will be Open Season Dates for Migratory Birds. Everybody welcome.

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## Sport Echoes From Prince County

Congratulations to the Summerside Kinsmen Midgets who won the New Brunswick-Prince Edward Island championship, defeating the Moncton West-End Beavers by the close score of 5 to 4. Ron MacArthur led the scoring parade for the Islanders scoring two goals including the winning counter. Other goals were scored by Donald Darby, Ed Dalton and Clive Macdonald. The boys are expected to play Truro next for the Maritime title.

Congratulations to the Queen Square hockey team for winning the Island interscholastic title. Congratulations, too, to the survivors of the Summerside High School team whom we sent to Charlottetown as lambs to the slaughter, and who amazed Summerside fans by leading the game for two periods and actually forcing the game into overtime. Because of the game to be played in Moncton the following day, Summerside had to play without seven of their regular players. The big line of Ron McArthur, Coke Grady and Neil Walker was missing, as well as Gallant of the second and Vance Harris of the third line. Defencemen Ed Dalton and Dickie Wedge were also missing. Considering all this, we figure that Summerside High gave the famous Seven Survivors of Truro quite a run for their money.

The fact that Paul Schurman was over Midget age and thus able to play with the High School in this important match tells part of the story of this surprising effort. Paul scored six goals and but for the fact that Coach George Walker was forced to play Paul most of the time, he might have scored more. Schurman is undoubtedly one of the best prospects developed by the Kinsmen since they started their youth program. Congratulations to the R.C.A.F. (Continued on Page 11)

## Janiro Gains Draw With Rocky Graziano

By MURRAY ROSE NEW YORK, March 31 — (AP) — Tony Janiro, the 22-year-old comeback kid from Youngstown, Ohio, laughed at the 12-6 odds against him tonight as he fought former middleweight champion Rocky Graziano to a 10-round draw before 16,983 spectators in Madison Square Garden. Graziano weighed 169½, Janiro 163½. Handsome Tony nearly knocked down Rocky in the first round and after taking a severe beating during the middle rounds, came back to grab the last heat to earn a draw. Judge Arthur Aldala voted for Graziano, 6-3-1. Judge Arthur Susskind scored for Janiro 5-4-1 while referee Judge Walsh split his ballot right down the middle. Five rounds add 10 points for each batter. The Associated Press card had Graziano ahead, 5-4-1.